

**Testimony of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers**

**to the Labor Committee**

**Regarding HB 5377 An Act Concerning the Prevailing Wage**

**Tuesday March 8th, 2016**

Representative Tercyak, Senator Gomes, Representative Rutigliano, Senator Hwang, and members of the Labor committee, my name is Sean Daly and I would like to submit the following comments on bill 5377, An Act Concerning the Prevailing Wage. First, I would like to thank this committee and the legislature for its long standing support for construction workers who want to earn decent wages and produce quality product in our state. The IBEW employs 6500 individuals in Connecticut and our members live all over the state, and we want to support economic growth beneficial to all residents in what we acknowledge is an extremely distressful fiscal climate.

Regarding this bill, we are aware there have been many discussions with respect to possible changes to prevailing wage over the last year, and we would like to thank those involved for working diligently to find a solution agreeable to all sides. Having said that, what was represented at recent Building Trades Council meetings as being the deal under discussion is not what appears in the language of this bill, and so for that reason we are unable to support this bill at this time. However, to the extent that there are continued discussions on the language, the IBEW would be pleased to participate as we share in the desire to work towards an agreement that would be seen as a win-win. It is important to mention that we would not be able to support any legislation which is not a product of transparent discussions with all stakeholders on board. We appreciate the committee's willingness to work towards that goal.

Thank you for your consideration.

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